

## APPENDIX

- 1     1. In a computing environment, computer readable code for implementing a  
2     convenient and intuitive visually-oriented technique for navigating an object model, said  
3     computer readable code comprising:
  - 4         a subprocess for displaying a browser;
  - 5         a subprocess for retrieving and displaying a set of elements in said browser, said  
6         elements representing said object model;
  - 7         a subprocess for enabling a user of said code to select one of said elements;
  - 8         a subprocess for retrieving and displaying relationship information from said  
9         model when said selected element is a component of said model; and
  - 10         a subprocess for enabling said user to select one or more relationships from said  
11         displayed relationship information.
- 12     3. Computer readable code for implementing the technique according to Claim 1,  
13     further comprising a subprocess for presenting an action list to said user.
- 1     4. Computer readable code for implementing the technique according to Claim 3,  
2     wherein said action list comprises a list of actions tailored to said selected one or more  
3     relationships.
- 1     5. Computer readable code for implementing the technique according to Claim 3,  
2     wherein said action list comprises a list of actions tailored to said selected element  
3     when said element is a component.

1       6. Computer readable code for implementing the technique according to Claim 3,  
2       wherein said action list is filtered before being presented to said user, using one or  
3       more predefined filters.

1       7. Computer readable code for implementing the technique according to Claim 1,  
2       wherein said browser is a conventional browser.

1       8. A system for implementing a convenient and intuitive visually-oriented technique  
2       for navigating an object model in a computing environment, comprising:  
3              means for displaying a browser;  
4              means for retrieving and displaying a set of elements in said browser, said  
5       elements representing said object model;  
6              means for enabling a user of said code to select one of said elements;  
7              means for retrieving and displaying relationship information from said model  
8       when said selected element is a component of said model; and  
9              means for enabling said user to select one or more relationships from said  
      displayed relationship information.

1       10. The system for implementing the technique according to Claim 8, further  
2       comprising means for presenting an action list to said user.

1       11. The system for implementing the technique according to Claim 10, wherein said  
2       action list comprises a list of actions tailored to said selected one or more relationships.

1       12. The system for implementing the technique according to Claim 10, wherein said

2 action list comprises a list of actions tailored to said selected element when said  
3 element is a component.

1 13. The system for implementing the technique according to Claim 10, wherein said  
2 action list is filtered before being presented to said user, using one or more predefined  
3 filters.

1 14. The system for implementing the technique according to Claim 8, wherein said  
2 browser is a conventional browser.

1 15. A method for implementing a convenient and intuitive visually-oriented technique  
2 for navigating an object model in a computing environment, comprising the steps of:  
3 displaying a browser;  
4 retrieving and displaying a set of elements in said browser, said elements  
5 representing said object model;  
6 enabling a user of said code to select one of said elements;  
7 retrieving and displaying relationship information from said model when said  
8 selected element is a component of said model; and  
9 enabling said user to select one or more relationships from said displayed  
10 relationship information.

1 17. The method for implementing the technique according to Claim 15, further  
2 comprising the step of presenting an action list to said user following said selection of  
3 relationship information.

1 18. The method for implementing the technique according to Claim 17, wherein said  
2 action list comprises a list of actions tailored to said selected relationship information.

1       19. The method for implementing the technique according to Claim 17, wherein said  
2       action list comprises a list of actions tailored to said selected element when said  
3       element is a component.

1       20. The method for implementing the technique according to Claim 17, further  
2       comprising the step of filtering said action list before presenting said action list to said  
3       user, using one or more predefined filters.  
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